



**West Central Minnesota Communities Action, Inc.**  
Elbow Lake, Minnesota

Project Title	Start Saving, A United Way-FAIM Partnership
Contact Information	Stephen Nagle 411 Industrial Park Boulevard Elbow Lake, MN 56531 (218) 685-6174
AFI Grant Amount	\$230,000
Nonfederal Support	\$597, 605
Project Period	February 1, 2006 - January 31, 2011
Highlights	West Central Minnesota Communities Action, Inc. will build upon Minnesota's existing AFI Network project, and 8 years of experience, to provide IDAs and financial and asset training so that 183 additional low-income participants may purchase a long-term asset. The IDAs will feature a \$3 to \$1 match rate, and may be used for any of AFI's three asset goals: post-secondary education, first-time homeownership, or a business start-up or expansion capitalization. An important feature of this program is that employers will be directly involved in providing resources and support.
Target Population	Residents of Minnesota's Greater Twin Cities 9-county metro area encompassing Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott and Washington counties.
Grantee/Collaborative Description	West Central Minnesota Communities Action, Inc. is a Community Action Agency with a \$10 million budget and extensive experience serving low-income people in a five-county area. Start Saving is a partnership between the Greater Twin Cities United Way, Family Assets in Minnesota partner agencies, and Minnesota businesses. Bremmer Bank is the financial institution partner.